Amendments in Anti-defection Law

1192. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a number of representations from public and Ex-PMs to bring amendments in the Anti-defection Law;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have been actively considering to bring suitable amendments in the Anti-defection Law; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?;

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) to (d) The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Missing files/documents relating to Uphaar Cinema

1193. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether vital documents/files relating to Uphaar Cinema fire tragedy case have been found missing recently;

(b) the system/mechanism in place for the proper upkeep and protection of judicial documents; and

(c) whether computerization of judicial process, in selected areas, has effected improvement/efficiency of record protection and retrieval systems in courts?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) No specific assessment has been made in this regard. Department of Justice has initiated a Pilot Project of Computerization of City Courts in th four metropolitan cities of Delhi, Chennai, Kolkata and Mumbai. Computerisation of Judical process will bring about improvement/efficiency in various functions of courts. This project is aimed at strengthening District and Subordinate Courts which constitute the cutting edge of the justice system.